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John Sinrud, Chairman House Appropriations Committee

RE: Summer Youth Employment Program HB 541

As a past supervisor for Summer Youth Employment Program participants I support HB 541, creating the Montana Summer Youth Employment Program.

This program benefits both the supervising agency with additional help and the youth by providing an employment opportunity for the youth that teaches important work skills and helps build confidence.

In the past, the Town of Superior has had several successful summer youth participants and the experience was good for everyone. I feel that this program is a good opportunity especially in smaller communities that have limited employment opportunities for youth.

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Representative Sinrud;

Superior Public School District supports the passage of House Bill 541, the Montana Youth Summer Employment Program. The ability to provide low-income and at-risk youth with summer employment and job training directly linked to academic and occupational learning has been a valuable service to our rural community and for many of our disadvantage young people.

Many of Superior, Montana's low-income and at risk youth have benefited from this fine program in the past. Superior School District has frequently placed young people in valuable on the job summer training positions with the collaboration of our local department of public health and human services. We consider this a valuable program for our youth.

Again, Superior Public School District supports passage of House Bill 541.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Woodford, Superintendent Superior K-12 Public School District